

## Jordan - Fiscal Reform II Project (FRP II), 2009-2014

### Overview

The Kingdom of Jordan has embarked on an ambitious National Agenda to accelerate growth, promote greater social inclusion, and stimulate the country's social, political, and economic development.

Under FRP II, the contractors are helping the Government of Jordan realize these goals by strengthening fiscal infrastructure, improving efficiency and effectiveness, and reshaping the public sector's role in delivering services. The team is working with the government's key economic institutions to bolster tax collections; budget for results, and execute with discipline; ease the flow of goods across borders; and, cultivate a demand for policy analysis that improves the impact of public investments and optimizes service delivery—all while recasting the government's image and how it interacts with the public.

Specifically, FRP II is:

- Helping the General Budget Department roll out results-oriented budgeting across government;
- Overseeing completion of a government-wide financial management information system;
- Working with the Income and Sales Tax Department to improve revenue mobilization, while reducing compliance costs for taxpayers;
- Piloting a modern property tax in Amman to provide more resources for decentralized service delivery;
- Helping Customs modernize, meet its international commitments, and streamline its interaction with traders to facilitate cross-border trade;
- Deepening economic analysis and planning in the Ministries of Finance and Planning and other key agencies to improve tax policy, expenditure policy, and the design and selection of public sector projects and programs; and
- Supporting a government-wide effort to change public sector incentives, spur innovation, modernize the state, and foster results-oriented government.

Collectively, these improvements will enhance government effectiveness, improve the business environment and, ultimately, create the conditions necessary to attract new investments, create jobs, spur economic growth, and improve Jordanians' standard of living.